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SUBJECT: FRG POSITION ON CYPRUS

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE VALIDITY TO THE
DESCRIPTION OF FRG POSITION ON CYPRUS REPORTED REFTEL.

2. THE BUNDESTAG DELEGATION WHICH KURBJUHN CITES IS, IN
FACT, TWO SPD DEPUTIES (KURT MATTICK AND LUDWIG
FELLERMAIER) WHO ARE VISITING BOTH ANKARA AND ATHENS ON
AN SPD, NOT BUNDESTAG, MISSION. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS
TOLD US THAT THEY HAVE NO BRIEF TO DISCUSS CYPRUS.

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3. FRG EXTENDS MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY AS A NATO ALLY AND BECAUSE OF CONCERN OVER NATO'S POSITION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. AN EXPANSION OF THIS ASSISTANCE (SEE SEPTTEL) WAS DISCUSSED DURING LEBER'S VISIT. WHILE THE FRG WOULD TERMINATE THIS ASSISTANCE IF HOSTILITIES WERE TO BREAK OUT OVER CYPRUS, THE FRG APPEARS TO HAVE PRECLUDED THE OPTION OF USING IT AS A LEVER ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

4. THE DER SPIEGEL ARTICLES KURBUHN SPOKE OF HAVE NOT APPEARED.

5. ACCORDING TO THE FONOFF THE FRG POSITION ON CYPRUS IS TO SUPPORT RESUMPTION OF THE COMMUNALTALKS IN VIENNA ON THE 17TH. TURKEY HAS PROPOSED THAT TWO EXPERT COMMITTEES COMPOSED OF DIPLOMATS FROM ATHENS AND ANKARA BE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMMUNAL TALKS. THESE TWO COMMITTEES WOULD CARRY ON THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS, WITH DENKTASH AND CLERIDES FADING INTO THE BACKGROUND.

6. THE FRG REGARDS THIS PROPOSAL AS REASONABLE AND LEBER AGREED DURING HIS VISIT TO ANKARA THAT THE FRG WOULD TRANSMIT THIS PROPOSAL TO ATHENS.

7. DURING HIS VISIT TO ATHENS IN DECEMBER SCHMIDT TOLD THE GREEKS THAT TURKEY SHOULD MAKE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS AND OFFERED TO CARRY A MESSAGE TO ANKARA. THE GREEKS DECLINED THIS OFFER.

8. THE FRG DOES NOT PLAN TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE. IT BELIEVES THE COMMUNAL TALKS ARE HOPELESSLY BOGGED DOWN IN THE INTRICACIES OF CYPRIOT POLITICS AND CAN BE RESOLVED ONLY BY TALKS BETWEEN ATHENS AND ANKARA THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEES WHICH TURKEY HAS PROPOSED.

9. OUR SOURCE IN THE FONOFF (BENSCH) ASKED THAT HE NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS THE SOURCE OF THIS BRIEFING, ESPECIALLY IN WASHINGTON. PLEASE PROTECT.
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